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## THE BOND FEATURE KNOCKED OUT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Special—The War Revenue Bill is ready to report to the Senate. The bond feature, providing for the issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds has been eliminated from the bill. The amendments included a corporation tax of 1-4 of 1 per cent, a provision for the coinage of silver seigniorage and the issue of \$150,000,000 of greenbacks.

### ORDERS FOR FIVE MILLION RATIONS.

#### Preparations On Large Scale for Ejection of Spanish from Cuba.

#### NO NEWS FROM SAMPSON'S FLEET—FRESH FEARS CONCERNING SAFETY OF OREGON.

#### Troops Will Be Sent Sampson If Porto Rico is Captured—Whereabouts of Cape Verde Fleet a Problem.

Washington, D. C. May 11.—Special—Army movements show that active preparations on a large scale for the ejection of the Spanish from Cuba are now being made.—Orders were placed to-day for 5,000,000 rations, one fourth to be sent to the Philippines, the rest to Cuba.

Gen. Miles and staff will go to Tampa this week. Nothing has been heard from Sampson. The government doubts that the Cape Verde fleet has returned to Cadiz. Troops will be sent to Sampson to occupy Porto Rico when he takes that island. Fresh fears for the safety of the Oregon which left Bahia two days ago are now felt. The cruiser Charleston will start the end of the week conveying the Philadelphia and transports with troops for the Philippines, sailing from San Francisco.

The Senate has confirmed Dewey's nomination as Rear Admiral.

#### Gen. Miles Will Command.

San Francisco, May 11.—(Special)—A bulletin says Gen. Merritt has been appointed to command the volunteers from the Pacific coast and will lead the invading army to be sent to the Philippines.

#### GEN. BLANCO

#### Is Trying to Put Courage Into His Starving Soldiers.

The Spanish soldiers are displaying much activity along the line of coast from Bahia Honda, 45 miles west of Havana, to Cardenas, 65 miles to the eastward. As the ships of the blockading fleet have instructions to prevent the erection of new fortifications, and have at various points shelled working parties, the task of strengthening existing defenses and throwing up earthworks is carried on principally at night, save in the immediate vicinity of Havana.



CAPTAIN GENERAL BLANCO.

Along the coast fresh sand batteries are being thrown up almost every night, but these works are of a flimsy character, and would be destroyed by the fire of the big guns in a few minutes. The officers of the blockading fleet believe Captain General Blanco is wasting a good deal of energy in the erection of insignificant shore batteries. The strengthening of the more formidable works about Havana is a very different thing. It may be, however, by the erection of these light batteries, which must be abandoned as soon as the serious work of the

fleet begins, Blanco puts heart in his starving soldiers and imbues them with the idea that a Yankee invasion can be repelled at any point.

#### KILLED AT NASHVILLE.

#### One Soldier Boy Shoots Another With a Pistol.

This first death in the ranks of the Tennessee volunteers came from a pistol which the victim thought was not loaded Tuesday. Charles Harrison and Will Haldeman, two Nashville boys belonging to the battery which was attached to the Second regiment, were playing with some comrades. Harrison secured a carbine, a sabre and a pistol, and, approaching Haldeman, who was his chum, directed him to keep quiet. He prodded Haldeman in the breast with the sabre and was whirling the pistol around, when it was discharged, and the ball struck Haldeman in the left breast directly over the heart and caused instant death. Harrison is agonized, and attempted self-destruction.

#### WOODFORD DECLINES.

#### Prefers His Present Office to a Major Generalship—Gen. Wheeler Leaves for Chickamauga.

Washington, May 11.—The President, it is understood, intends that Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, the Minister to Spain, shall retain his diplomatic capacity to return to Madrid after the war is brought to a close and diplomatic relations are restored. This statement is made by a well-known Senator cognizant of the facts. Gen. Woodford's first knowledge of the intention to confer a Major Generalship on him was on his meeting with the President on the latter's summons to come immediately to Washington after landing at New York. The offer made then was promptly declined, and

unless there is some unforeseen contingency Gen. Woodford eventually will return to Madrid.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler is the



MINISTER WOODFORD.

first of the newly-appointed Major Generals to take the field. He spent his last day at the Capital until his army service is ended, and left Washington yesterday for Chattanooga to take his command.

#### COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.

#### Mr. Chas. F. Jarrett Talks On the Tobacco Question.

The first State Commercial Convention was called to order Wednesday at 11:15 o'clock in Louisville.

Mr. T. L. Jefferson was nominated for Temporary Chairman and elected without opposition. He introduced Mr. Harry Weissinger, who delivered the address of welcome for Louisville.

The Hon. P. Watt Hardin was next introduced, and responded on behalf of the visitors to the welcoming address.

Hon. Jno. W. Yerkes was elected Permanent Chairman. An interesting program was carried out in the afternoon. Among the speakers was Mr. Chas. F. Jarrett, of this city, who spoke on the subject—"Kentucky as a Tobacco State." There will be a grand banquet to-night.

#### PLAUDIT WINS AGAIN.

#### Captures Rich Clark Stakes Defeating Lieber Karl a Second Time.

Louisville, Ky., May 11.—(Special.)—There was a tremendous crowd at Church Hill Downs this afternoon to witness a fine card. Society was well represented and hundreds of horse-loving Kentuckians from every section of the State were present. The crowd, in fact, was almost as large as Derby Day. There were a large number of coaching parties and box parties of the Falls City 400.

Of course all interest centered in the Clark stakes. Next to the Derby this is the richest prize of the meeting, the Association guaranteeing the stake to be worth not less than \$4,000. On account of the close finish by Plaudit and Lieber Karl in the Derby the people were anxious to see the great three year olds struggle again for mastery. Lieber Karl sold in the books as favorite in spite of his recent defeat. The bulk of money was behind him.

The race was won by Plaudit in a gallop.

#### MR RUSSELL COMPLIMENTED.

#### Six Years Faithful Service On the School Board.

At the recent meeting of the Public School Board, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Board, officially, and the members of the Board, individually, desire to express and we do now tender to our President, Mr. J. D. Russell, whose

term of office expires with this meeting, our high appreciation of his zeal, his activity, his intelligent loyalty, his untiring efforts and his excellent judgment, displayed at all times in the interest of Hopkinsville's greatest institution, the Hopkinsville Public Schools.

For his great interest and unselfish devotion to this great interest and for the success which has attended his connection with this body for so many years, he is entitled to the thanks of the entire community; and as the representatives of the school interests of this city, we now assure him that he has the thanks and appreciation of the friends of our schools.

We recognize our loss and the loss to the schools in his refusal to stand for re-election, and in taking leave of him assure him of our cordial good will.

#### BURGLARY AT DAWSON.

#### Rice Bros' Store Entered and Two Cash Drawers Rifled.

The large dry goods store of Rice Bros., at Dawson, one of the leading mercantile establishments of that place, was burglarized Tuesday night. The thief was a bold fellow as the circumstances show, and was evidently no new hand in the business.

He prized open the front door with a crow bar and entering the house rifled two cash-drawers, securing a considerable sum of money. Stacks of clothing were overturned and thrown into disorder but no merchandise of value was missed.

A bloodhound from Greenville was dispatched for and arrived at noon. The animal trailed the thief to a point in the woods where he had left a horse hitched to a tree. The tracks of the horse could be plainly seen. Here the trace was lost and all hope of capturing the thief abandoned.

#### Havemeyer's Suicide.

New York, May 10.—Charles F. Havemeyer, son of the late Theodore Havemeyer and a nephew of Henry O. Havemeyer, the head of the American Sugar Refining Company, shot and killed himself last night at his country home near Roslyn, L. I. His wife and two children were in the house at the time.

Mr. Havemeyer had been sick for a long time.

#### Sharp Decline in Wheat.

Chicago, May 11.—The bulls on the Board of Trade to-day transferred their attention from the wheat pit to provisions. Assisted by heavy outside buying July pork has advanced 80c per barrel, July lard 65c a tierce, and July ribs 45c per 100 pounds. The advance in lard was attributed to heavy buying by Armour and Cudahy.

Heavy sales by packers to the government for army use was at the bottom of the bull movement. Closing figures for the day were at the top. July wheat at the close showed a loss of 3½ and May 6c, closing at \$1.10½ and \$1.79 respectively.

#### Chicago Market.

QUOTATIONS BY RAWLINS & CO., BROKERS.

|            | Op'g  | Hig't | Closing |
|------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Cash Wheat | 1 85  | 1 85  | 1 79    |
| July Wheat | 1 14½ | 1 15  | 1 10½   |

#### OATH OF OFFICE.

#### Election Commissioners Met at Frankfort For Organization.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—The Board of Election Commissioners composed of Judge Pryor, W. T. Ellis and Chas. B. Poyntz arrived here this morning and formally took the oath of office in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

### ARE CHANGEABLE

### AS THE WIND.

#### Washington Authorities Now Trying to Head Off Sampson.

#### BELEIF THAT HE HAS ADOPTED DEWEY'S PLAN AND CUT THE CABLE.

#### Other Late Developments In the War Situation On Land And On the Sea.

Washington, May 11.—(Special.)—An effort is being made to catch Sampson's squadron before it reaches and attacks Porto Rico.

Dispatches are going in every direction to head him off, but up to the present time the department has not been able to intercept him anywhere.

This is the result of the change of plans of the Spanish government and our own as well. It is now considered undesirable to attack Porto Rico until Cuba falls, and invasion will be made of the latter even if Sampson cannot be reached and turned back.

In case the department cannot intercept Sampson before he carries out his instructions to shell and take Porto Rico, the flying squadron off Fortress Monroe will be detailed to Cuban waters, there being no longer any danger of an attack from the Spanish on our coast cities.

The plans at the War Department have been changed again, and Gen. Miles will not leave to-night, as he had intended to do. It is confidently expected that he will do so before the end of the week.

Telegraphic orders were sent to the governors of all of the states this morning to have their troops ready at the earliest possible moment.

If Sampson succeeds in taking Porto Rico, the administration wishes to be prepared to follow up the attack from the sea by an occupation on land.

#### Within Fifty Miles of Havana.

New York, May 11.—(Special.)—A Key West special says that information has reached that place of the landing within fifty miles of Havana of the expedition under command of Capt. Dorst, Fourth Cavalry, which left Tampa yesterday on board the transport, Gessieu.

#### The Natives Are Bloodthirsty.

New York, May 11.—(Special.)—A copyrighted dispatch to the Evening World, dated at Hongkong to-day, says:

The Philippine chief, Gen. Aguinaldo, has issued a proclamation to the insurgents at Manila to obey the orders of Commodore Dewey and United States Consul Williams. Killing still goes on in the outlying districts, where the natives are revenging themselves on the priests and local Spanish officials, in spite of the proclamation of Aguinaldo.

#### Is This Retribution?

London, May 11.—A dispatch to

the Globe, from Gibraltar, says a Spanish steamer, which has just arrived there, reports officially that she passed yesterday evening a Spanish torpedo boat destroyer, which was guarding Algeirras Bay and Straits. Shortly after the steamer passed her, all the lights of the destroyer were suddenly extinguished, a terrific explosion followed immediately and the destroyer disappeared.

The disaster, the dispatch adds, was apparently caused by the explosion of the boilers of the torpedo boat destroyer. It is feared that all on board of her have perished.

#### Hastens Expedition to Cuba.

One effect of the retreat of the Spanish fleet has been to hasten even more the preparations already under full headway for the dispatching of military expeditions to Cuba. It also has caused a complete change in the concentration plans. Time is now believed to be the great factor. There is no longer opportunity to indulge extensive drilling and practice maneuvering. The regular army troops do not need these and are to be thrown at once into the fray. Many of the regiments of the National guard which are entering the volunteer service are felt to be sufficiently trained from a military point of view to follow the regulars immediately, and the department indicates its purpose to-day of dispatching these volunteer troops directly to the gulf coast for shipment, instead of sending them to Chickamauga. This disposition was shown by the changes in the new orders issued to the troops, although there yet may be a return to the original program of concentration if the plans show signs of weakness as they develop. The quartermaster-general has already gotten under charter twenty-seven merchant steamers for the transport of troops, and roughly speaking, these should carry about 20,000 men. Others are being procured as rapidly as possible.

#### Boy Killed in Todd.

Elkton, Ky., May 11.—Dick Harris, the 11-year-old son of W. W. Harris, near this city, who was accidentally shot through the bowels with a shotgun by his brother, died in horrible agony late Wednesday evening. The little fellows had been squirrel hunting, and in the absence of shot used a charge composed of bits of iron and umbrella ribs cut in small pieces. In handling the gun through the fence to his brother, it exploded, the entire and terrible load taking effect as above.

Eld. Jno. S. Shouse, of Lexington, Ky., is holding a "protracted meeting at the Christian church in Cadiz. There have been so far eight or ten accessions.